IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE V.GIRI

FRIDAY, THE 16TH NOVEMBER 2007 / 25TH KARTHIKA 1929

WP(C).No. 33302 of 2007(M)

PETITIONER:

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1. M.A.KARTHIAYANI, HEAD NURSE
   DISTRICT HOSPITAL, THRISSUR.

2. K.SUBADRA, HEAD NURSE
   MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL
   THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

3. P.J.RACHEL, HEAD NURSE
   COMMUNNITY HEALTH CENTRE,
   ADIMALY, IDUKKI.

4. M.P.LALITHA, HEAD NURSE
   GOVERNMENT VICTORIA HOSPITAL
   KOLLAM.

5. K.LEELAMMA
   HEAD NURSE, MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL
   ALAPPUZHA.

BY ADV. SRI.B.RAGUNATHAN
SRI.V.V.MATHEW
SRI.R.SRINATH

RESPONDENTS:

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1. STATE OF KERALA
   REPRESENTED BY PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO
   GOVERNMENT HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
   THIRUVANANTHAPURAM-695 001.

2. DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES
   THIRUVANANTHAPURAM 695 037.

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER BEJOY CHANDRAN

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 16/11/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

V.GIRI, J

W.P.(C).33302/2007

Dated this the 16th day of November, 2007

JUDGMENT

The petitioners are the Head Nurses in the Health Services Department and they are eligible for promotion to the post of Nursing Superintendent Grade-II. They are aggrieved by the fact that though there are vacancies in the promotion post, steps have not been taken to fill up the same. Reference is made to the fact that all the petitioners have a very short duration in service before their retirement. In fact, reference is made to the fact that the fourth petitioner is due to retire on 30.11.2007.

2. On instructions, learned Government Pleader submits that the second respondent has prepared a list of 25 Head Nurses eligible for promotion to the Nursing Superintendent Grade-II and they are contemplating provisional promotion.

3. Having heard the learned counsel for the parties, writ petition is disposed of directing the first respondent

to take a decision in the matter of issuance of orders of provisional promotion for the eligible Head Nurses to the post of Nursing Superintendent Grade-II, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment. Petitioners may produce a copy of the writ petition along with the copy of the judgment, immediately on receipt of the same. The first respondent may take note of the fact that the fourth petitioner is due to retire on 30.11.2007 and keeping in mind this fact, orders of provisional promotions may be issued at the earliest.

Writ petition is disposed of as above.

V.GIRI
Judge

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